

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 STATE 128044
ORIGIN EB-08

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 AGRE-00 AID-05 IO-14 ICA-20
COME-00 TRSE-00 NSC-05 HEW-06 /071 R

DRAFTED BY EB/OF/FPD:FCMCELDOWNEY/-SDA:FMAGRABI:JS
APPROVED BY EB/ORF/OF/PAFERCH
IO/AGR:PBARNES

-----073277 211816Z /15

R 210222Z MAY 78
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY ROME

UNCLAS STATE 128044

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAGR, UNWFC

SUBJECT: NUTRITION DISCUSSION AT WORLD FOOD COUNCIL (WFC)
FOURTH SESSION

REF: ROME 4184

ROME FOR FODAG

1. REQUEST MISSION TO PASS TO UWE KRACHT OF WFC SECRETARIAT
THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ESTHER PETERSON, WHITE HOUSE
SPECIAL ADVISER ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS:

THIS IS A FOLLOWUP TO OUR MEETING ON MARCH 7 IN WHICH
WE DISCUSSED THE NEED FOR A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NUTRITION AND FOOD PRODUCTION BY WFC
NATIONS. AS BACKGROUND FOR UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
PREPARATIONS FOR THE WFC 4TH SESSION THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT
WAS DEVELOPED BY AN INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP INCLUDING THE
DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE, HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE,
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STATE 128044

STATE, AND THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN
CONSULTATION WITH MY OFFICE AND THE OFFICE OF PETER BOURNE,
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR HEALTH ISSUES.

WE ARE WILLING TO HAVE THIS STATEMENT DISTRIBUTED IN ANY
APPROPRIATE MANNER IF YOU FEEL A STATEMENT OF THIS NATURE
WOULD BE USEFUL TO DELEGATES AS BACKGROUND FOR DISCUSSION

OF THE AGENDA AT THE FORTHCOMING SESSION.

2. (TITLE) ALLEVIATION OF HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION IN
RELATION TO FOOD PRODUCTION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

3. ALLEVIATION OF HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION IS A PRIME
OBJECTIVE OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THIS DOES
NOT MEAN, HOWEVER, THAT THE TWO PROCESSES ARE EQUIVALENT.
IT IS POSSIBLE TO IMPROVE NUTRITION MORE RAPIDLY THAN THE
PACE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. MOREOVER, PAYING SPECIAL
ATTENTION TO NUTRITION CAN ACCELERATE DEVELOPMENT BY
AVOIDING THE COSTS OF NUTRITIONALLY-RELATED DISEASE AND
BY INCREASING PRODUCTIVITY. ACCORDINGLY, NUTRITIONAL
IMPROVEMENT DESERVES TO BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGY.

4. IN PARTICULAR, MEASURES TO INCREASE FOOD AND AGRICUL-
TURAL PRODUCTION ARE IMPORTANT TO ANY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGY. DESIGNING SUCH MEASURES WITH NUTRITIONAL
OBJECTIVES IN MIND WILL INFLUENCE THE KINDS OF CROPS GROWN
AND THE METHODS USED TO GROW THEM. MOREOVER, INCREASED
PRODUCTION BY ITSELF WILL NOT ALLEVIATE HUNGER UNLESS IT
IS COORDINATED WITH MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE DISTRIBUTION
OF FOODS OF HIGH NUTRITIONAL QUALITY, INCREASE ACCESS TO
SUCH FOODS BY THE POOR, CORRECT DEFICIENCIES OF ESSENTIAL
NUTRIENTS, EDUCATE HOUSEHOLDS IN SANITARY AND NUTRITIONALLY
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 STATE 128044

SOUND FOOD PRACTICES AND REDUCE PARASITIC DISEASES. SUCH
MEASURES NEED TO RECOGNIZE THE CENTRAL ROLE OF WOMEN IN
FOOD PRODUCTION, MARKETING AND UTILIZATION. THEY WILL BE
MOST SUCCESSFUL IF THEY INTRODUCE AS FEW MODIFICATION AS
POSSIBLE IN FOOD HABITS, CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS.

5. THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL CAN PLAY A KEY ROLE IN
INCREASING INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF
NUTRITION IN DEVELOPMENT, THEREBY STIMULATING ACTION BY
NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS AND THE AGENCIES OF THE UN SYSTEM.
SOME SITUATIONS MAY WARRANT SPECIFIC INTERVENTIONS
CONCENTRATING ON PARTICULAR ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM. IN
GENERAL, HOWEVER, EFFORTS TO ALLEVIATE HUNGER AND MALNUTRI-
TION ARE LIKELY TO BE MOST SUCCESSFUL AND COST-EFFECTIVE
IF CONSTITUTED AS COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIES WHICH:

INCLUDE AND GIVE HIGH PRIORITY TO NUTRITIONAL OBJECTIVES
AMONG BROADER ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES;

TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, DESIGN DEVELOPMENT POLICIES AND
PROGRAMS TO PROTECT OR IMPROVE THE NUTRITIONAL STATUS
OF THE POPULATION;

SELECT PROGRAMS AND PROGRAM APPROACHES IN LIGHT OF THE
ENTIRE PRODUCTION-CONSUMPTION PROCESS. VANCE

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRODUCTION, INFORMATION EXCHANGE, FOODS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 21 may 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 jan 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978STATE128044
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: SDA:FMAGRABI:JS
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780214-0609
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780537/aaaabewl.tel
Line Count: 119
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: fb63179a-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN EB
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 ROME 4184
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29 mar 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2626584
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: NUTRITION DISCUSSION AT WORLD FOOD COUNCIL (WFC) FOURTH SESSION
TAGS: EAGR, UNWFC
To: ROME
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/fb63179a-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014